

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
vs.)	Case No. S2-4:22CR00229 JAR
)	
EDWARD HOPKINS,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter is before the Court on the Report and Recommendation of United States Magistrate Judge John M. Bodenhausen (ECF No. 682). On December 18, 2023, Defendant Hopkins filed a Motion to Sever (ECF No. 635). Magistrate Judge Bodenhausen recommends the Court deny Defendant's Motion to Sever.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b), these matters were referred to United States Magistrate Judge John M. Bodenhausen, who filed a Report and Recommendation on February 12, 2024 (ECF No. 682). Defendant Hopkins filed objections to the Report and Recommendation on February 26, 2024 (ECF No. 695), summarily stating that he objects to the conclusions drawn by Magistrate Judge Bodenhausen, but fails to provide any countervailing rationale for his position. The Government thereafter filed a Response to the Objections on February 28, 2024 (ECF No. 698). The Court finds that the Magistrate Judge's conclusions are supported by the evidence, and Defendant Hopkins' objections are not persuasive.

The Magistrate Judge recommends that the Motions to Sever be denied. After de novo review of this matter, this Court adopts the Magistrate Judge's recommendation.


Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Report and Recommendation of the United States Magistrate Judge [682] is **SUSTAINED, ADOPTED, AND INCORPORATED** herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Motions to Sever [635] is **DENIED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this matter remains scheduled for **Jury Trial** on **Monday, April 22, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.**

Dated this 4th day of March, 2024.



JOHN A. ROSS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE